

Lehigh Coal and Navigation Building
Susquahanna Street at Courthouse Square
Jim Thorpe
Carbon County
Pennsylvania

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HISTORIC AMERICAN ENGINEERING RECORD

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Location: Susquehanna Street at Courthouse Square, Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania.

Description: "...a proto modern, disciplined and inventive Richardsonian inspired open-plan building of all fireproof construction utilizing iron columns, rolled "I" beams, and structured floor tile. The use of locally inspired organic motifs for ornamental patterns and the rich polychromy of stone, terra cotta, and metal cornice are typical High Victorian architectural features Hutton used in dramatic contrast to the vertical emphasis of window openings topped by soaring elaborated chimneys."

History: Designed by Addison Hutton for the Lehigh Valley Railroad, the Lehigh Valley Railroad started construction but sold the building to the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company which completed it.

Source: Denise Scott Brown: "High Victorian Architectural Styles in Jim Thorpe: 1850-1890" unpublished report of Venturi and Rauch.

Historian: Duncan Hay, HAER Inventory card, 8/1/79.